



# EASTERN ARIZONA AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC.

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## Picnic Time!



You should have already contacted Larry, N5BG, with your order and made any other necessary arrangements to attend the EAARS club picnic because it's **this Saturday (Sept 8)!**

The picnic is from 3pm to 6pm at Discovery Park (1651 W. Discovery Park Blvd) in Safford. Please bring a dish to share and your own utensils if you don't like plastic.

The club will be providing the meat and "some" drinks.

A comment on the listed address of Discovery Park. If you put that address into your GPS you will most likely get very annoyed and confused, trust me I know. To get into the park you will, most likely, need to enter off of S. 20th Ave. Discover Park Blvd dead-ends into S. 20th Ave on the West end, take a left off of Discovery Park Blvd. at S. 20th Ave and you should see the entrance to the park.

## Reminder EAARS Youth Net

**When:** Saturday at 10:30am  
**Where:** EAARS Repeater Network  
**Who:** All Young Hams!

Great net for young Hams and growing each week.

Adult sponsors are in attendance.

## EAARS OPEN REPEATERS

PL IS 141.3 UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE

### HELIOGRAPH PEAK:

146.860, 440.700 LINKED

146.900 ECHOLINK AND IRLP

145.010 PACKET

447.825 WITH CLOSED REMOTE BASE

PL 100.0 OR 141.3

462.625 GMRS PL 123.0

### MT. LEMMON:

147.160 LINKED

### PINAL PEAK:

145.410 LINKED

### GUTHRIE PEAK:

147.280 LINKED

### SOUTH MTN AT ALPINE:

145.270 LINKED

### GREENS PEAK:

146.700 LINKED

### JACKS PEAK, NM:

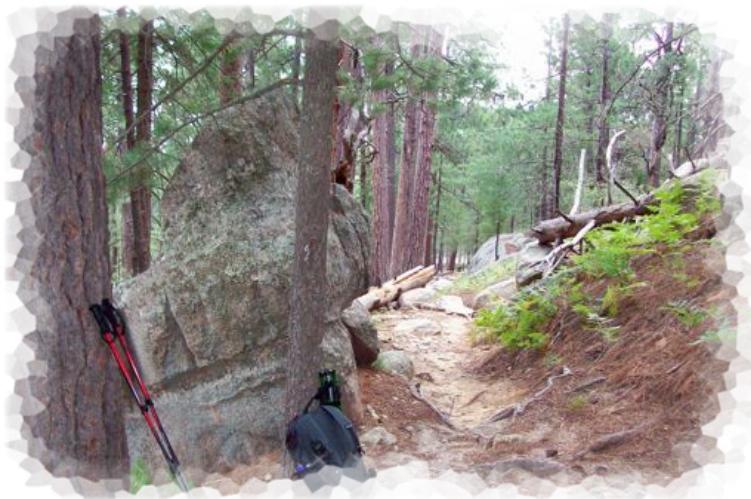
145.210 LINKED

### MULE MTN:

147.080 LINKED

# Repeater News...

The only issue at this time is very intermittent desense on the Guthrie Peak repeater, 147.280



## Paradise Ghost Town Special Event Station

It's not too late to try and work the Cochise Amateur Radio Association (CARA) special event station at the ghost town of Paradise, Arizona.

This is a yearly event that CARA puts on each Labor Day weekend. They are still operating until about 11am Labor Day. I really apologize for not getting the newsletter out sooner so you would have more time to catch this great special event station. Work them and get a really neat QSL card!

More information at <http://www.k7rdg.org/paradise.htm>

Send Event and Calendar  
additions to  
[newsletter@eaars.com](mailto:newsletter@eaars.com)

Join us every Sunday night at  
7pm on the EAARS Network  
repeaters for our Sunday  
Night Net.  
Everyone is Welcome!

## Are you a ARRL member?

Did you know that EAARS is an ARRL affiliated club?

Did you know that you can join or renew your ARRL membership through the club and the club will retain part of your ARRL membership fee? Yes, the club gets \$15 for each new ARRL member and \$2 for each renewal.

The club also gets many more benefits for ARRL affiliation such as free mailing lists of all Hams in the club area and referrals on new Hams, club liability insurance, equipment insurance and many more benefits.

Please consider joining ARRL!

## The *Unofficial* Eatery Recommendations!

Have a favorite eatery where you live that you would recommend to family, friends and more importantly fellow EAARS members? Lets get them in the newsletter for traveling members!

If you are ever on the Eastside of Tucson and are not looking for anything fancy, checkout **Kenny D's** at 8060 E. 22nd St. (just East of 22nd and Pantano). The best Chicago style sandwiches in Tucson! Try the Italian Beef, you can thank me later!

# Ham License Testing

There are now three monthly VE test sessions in the Tucson Area:

*Lighthouse YMCA*: First Thursday

*RST/Laurel (No Fee)*: Second Monday

*OVARC*: First Saturday

If you know of any other monthly VE sessions in the EAARS coverage area please let me know.

Contact Dave, *N7AM*, if you would like a VE session in the Graham/Greenlee area and he will arrange it.

SEPTEMBER							
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
30	1	2	3	4	5	6	

## Coming Events

*Near and Far...*

- **EAARS Picnic: Sept 8**  
3-6PM at Discovery Park, Safford
- **CQWW DX Contest, RTTY: Sept 29-30**  
[http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_contests/cq\\_ww\\_rtty\\_dx\\_contest/cq\\_ww\\_rtty\\_dx\\_contest\\_rules/2011\\_cq\\_ww\\_rtty\\_dx\\_contest\\_rules.pdf](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests/cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest/cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest_rules/2011_cq_ww_rtty_dx_contest_rules.pdf)
- **Tucson Hamfest and Fly-In: Oct. 6**  
<http://www.tucsonhamfest.com>
- **Arizona QSO Party: Oct. 13-14**  
<http://www.azqsoparty.org/>

## Forsale / Trade / Wanted

### Yaesu FT-450AT

Low mileage Yaesu FT-450AT in excellent condition. **\$650.00 or best offer.**

Contact: [ky7k@arrl.net](mailto:ky7k@arrl.net)

This is the original FT-450AT, not the current FT-450D model. I am the original owner. This radio covers 6m-160m, all modes with IF-DSP and a built-in antenna tuner. I have installed an after market bail on this radio so you can actually see the display. Lack of a bail was one of the major complaints about this radio.

*This month I'm adding a new forsale, trade or wanted section to see how it works.*

*I would like to keep this section on the small side, so to that end I would like to establish a few ground rules:*

1. All items must be ham related.
2. You must list a minimum price and contact information.
3. If you have multiple items to list they must be listed by your priority. If there are too many items in a given month, only your highest priority item may be listed.
4. Send items to list (with price, contact info and descriptions!) to: [newsletter@eaars.com](mailto:newsletter@eaars.com)
5. Items will be listed at the discretion of the Editor. Those decisions are final.

# Graffiti

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(This page contains items that are the opinion of the author ONLY. They do not reflect the views of EAARS or the officers of EAARS. If you have something to ponder, please submit them.)

## Ramblings and other Stuff...

Sorry for the delay getting the newsletter out this month. Due to several factors this newsletter is not only late but also much smaller than normal. I'll try to do better next time...

This month you will notice two new sections, Forsale section and a member recommended restaurant section. Both are very short, I would like to keep the Forsale section to no more than half a page. If you have items for either one of these please send them to me. How long these last depends on your input.

As always if you have comments, good or bad, regarding this newsletter send me an email, or better yet tell me at the picnic.

Speaking of the picnic, each year I always head out a couple days early and try to find the most out of the way route possible to get there and make a mini vacation out of it.

This year my plans are a bit different. I still plan to head to Safford two days early, but will be using it as a base to do some Summits on the Air (SOTA) activations instead of sightseeing.

If all goes as planned I will activate one, two or all three of Mt. Graham, Webb Peak and Heliograph Peak on Friday and then activate Guthrie Peak on Saturday morning before the picnic. I'll be on both HF and VHF, so if you are a SOTA chaser or would just like to help me get the needed 4 QSOs, listen to the repeaters for more info on those days.

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Now that I've had a chance to get home and get on my normal computer and check my idea notes, I have a few items to let everyone know about that I couldn't remember before publishing the newsletter.

First, I forgot to mention that my recommended eatery, Kenny D's, is next door to HRO dealer Western Communications. Even more reason to stop by. Thanks to Tom, K7DF, for the reminder.

If you send in a favorite eatery please try to include the following information: Address, do they serve alcohol, and are they firearms friendly. I've had requests for the last two items.

One last reminder that there is a new emailing list dedicated to playing ham radio in the field. This includes Summits on the Air (SOTA), field day type ops, radio in the park, camping and radio, anything that gets you out in the field and using your radio is welcome. Send me a email if you would like to join.

Lastly, a very fun special event opportunity is coming up Sept 8 - 16, Route 66 on the Air! Multiple special event stations will be setup all along the old Route 66, each issuing unique QSL cards.

Google "rt 66 on the air" or start looking at <http://www.w6jbt.org/route66ota.html> for more information.